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Dear John Jeorg,

For a man who had five books to read in a short period of time and on a very technical subject, you acquired an amazing and detailed knowledge. That is quite an intellectual performance, for the subject is exceedingly complex and was made, unnecessarily, more so by those who sought thereby to obfuscate further.

You are very kind to me, and I appreciate it. Aside from this (and perhaps even more than it), there are two things I particularly welcome. These are the overdue credit to Louis Ivon and that marvelous concluding paragraph. The last sentence is a memorable statement of what may be the central issue of freedom today. The last phrase, simple as it is, is yet so precise it says everything and, I hope, some day may be the title of a book on the subject. We do, indeed, live in "the illusion of freedom".

There are a few suggestions I take the liberty of making because of the complexity of the subject, where I think you misinterpreted the evidence. Some are typographical.

Page 2, line 14, the numbers are reversed. Oswald was in the number 2 position. Whaley put him in No. 3.

Page 3, lines 7 and 8, Grinnan is a friend of Bunker Hunt, not his alias.

Page 3, line 16, I think "of" is omitted. Russo testified that "Leon Oswald" was Ferrie's roommate. If you put "of" instead of the comma it will be correct. Russo was not one of Ferrie's living companions. Beginning on this same line, the statement that Mrs. Odio's testimony was rejected because of Dr. Quitart's judgement is a fair interpretation, but I think that gentleman would feel more comfortable if you would insert "apparently".

From the small number of these suggestions and their character, I think you can see that my opening is not flattery!

There is one added request I would make. While I lived at Hyattstown when I published the first three books, I no longer do. Because most who may want my books will have to write for them, could you possible include the correct present address, on this letterhead? That will speed things up. My mail is forwarded, but it takes time.

Again, sincere thanks. When the review appears, I'd appreciate a few copies. May I also suggest you send one to Jim Garrison marking the last paragraph? I think it not unlikely he may want to quote it, as I will also.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg